

Your mission: \$500 prize tag

By Ysenia Bazaldúa
Staff Writer

The Office of Student Activities wants to give you \$500! What's the catch, you ask? There is no catch; that is, as long as you do not get caught.

As part of the Student Activities mission to create new programs on campus and support a 24-hour-campus life Web site, the department has organized a contest called "Mission: Impossible."

"Mission: Impossible" is a spy-themed and internet-supported game of tag. This tag game is a little more than chasing after someone and saying, "You're it!" This version of the game has technology, a college atmosphere, some Nerf toy guns, and cash prizes. The \$500 first prize will be awarded to the last competitor or team left, but there are also cash prizes for second and third place for contestants who tag the mystery agent or tag the most contestants.

The rules are simple: Take down the competition and be the last one left in the game. All UTB/TSC students are eligible to play.

"The contest is absolutely free and all UTB/TSC students can sign up and play," Student Activities Director Vince Solis said.

Participants must attend the information meeting scheduled for 6 p.m. Wednesday in Student Center.

The meeting will cover the basic rules of the game and create code-name profiles for contestants.

"If you want to play, you have to go to the meeting because we're going to take digital photos of the participants to put on the Web site," Solis said.

Students have the option of signing up as a team with other students or individually.

Solis said the game is a great opportunity for a group fund-raiser or for a student who simply wants to win \$500.

Because the game is spy-

New dimension in video conferencing



Photo Courtesy: UTB/TSC, Media Services

Texas Gov. Rick Perry watches as last Wednesday, Teleportec Anna Holland, a teacher at Derry Elementary in Port Isabel, communicates with third-, fourth- and fifth-grade students on South Padre Island via the first Teleportec Conference

themed, its goal is to remain in character as much as possible. The contest's Web site-

<http://www.sa.utb.edu/Student/misionImpossible-main-page.htm>-is filled with 'spy-

like" terminology akin to movies and television pro-

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Six students are called to duty

By John Strubelt
Collegian Editor
and Telefonso Ortiz
Tiempo Nuevo Editor

Several UTB/TSC students have been selected to help defend the United States' cause in its war on terrorism.

Ramiro Martinez, senior arts and applied science major; Ovilvio Cisneros, freshman; and Juan Dominguez, freshman science major, have been called into

active duty by the U.S. Army Reserve, university officials said.

These students officially withdrew from classes in September.

"Well, I'm very sad," said Dorothy Cisneros, mother of Ovilvio Cisneros, referring to her son's call to duty. "I feel really bad. I didn't want that to happen."

Dorothy Cisneros also expressed concern that her son might lose his financial

aid when he returns to UTB/TSC.

That would not be the case in this situation, university officials say.

"These students can request to be withdrawn and given an incomplete," said Rene Villarreal, director of Admissions and Recruitment. "They also have the option of requesting a full refund for their courses at UTB/TSC. When they come back, they can continue with their courses

right where they left off with no problem whatsoever."

Three other students have withdrawn, as well.

Freshman Sergio Hernandez; Oscar Rodriguez, senior science and criminal justice major; and Hilberto Ruiz, freshman science and criminal justice major, are currently serving with the U.S. Border Patrol.

The U.S. Customs and the Border Patrol are in a state of high alert, and members have

been asked to work overtime, Villarreal said. Because of this, these students were forced to withdraw from their classes.

Meanwhile, the university's Language Institute has experienced a slight drop in students and attendance due to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on U.S. soil, the Queen Isabella Causeway collapse and the expiration of non-

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Hispanic Heritage Month Schedule of Events

Following are the Hispanic Heritage Month events scheduled for this week:

Today: "Mariposas," a film based on a novel by Spanish writer Manuel Rivas, 12:30-1:30 p.m., SET-B Lecture Hall. Presenter: Christina Villarreal.

"Los del Valle Profiles, Volume X: Barbara Warburton-La Macera," 9 to

10 a.m., Benito Longoria Conference Room (library).

"Los del Valle Profiles, Volume XI: Las Raíces en los Ranchos de San Isidro," 10 to 11 a.m., Benito Longoria Conference Room (library).

"Los del Valle Profiles, Volume XII: Los Bomberos-Medio Siglo de Historia," 11 a.m. to noon, Benito Longoria Conference Room (library).

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"Los del Valle Profiles, Volume XIII: The Many Uses of South Texas Plants," noon to 1 p.m., Benito Longoria Conference Room (library).

"Los del Valle Profiles, Volume XIV: Carmen Lomas Garza-Chicana Artist," 1 to 2 p.m., Benito Longoria Conference Room (library).

Veterans Day essay contest

The Upward Bound-Veterans program is sponsoring an essay contest in honor of Veterans Day. The theme of the essay should be a response to "What is the symbolism of the words in the song 'God Bless America' and what do these words mean to you at this

time in American history?" The contest is open to all registered UTB/TSC students.

Essays must be typed and no longer than two pages, and be submitted to the Anniversary Office, located in South Hall 251, by 5 p.m. Oct. 29.

A panel of faculty will judge the essays. The winning essay will be read during the Veterans Day ceremony Nov. 8 on the South Lawn and will be published, along with a photo of the author, in the Nov. 12 issue of The Collegian.

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Briefs

The Gorgas Science Society will meet at 12:20 p.m. today in the Life and Health Sciences building's Shared Conference Room 2.604. Elections will be conducted for first vice president and reporter. Waivers will be signed for Saturday's trip to Boca Chica Beach. For more information, send an e-mail to kevingarcia@woodstock.com.

The Learning Assistance Center will conduct the following workshops this week: "Studying for A's," from noon to 1 p.m. today in North Hall 122; "Note-Taking Tips," from 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesday in North Hall 123; and "Improve Your Memory," 1 to 2 p.m. Thursday in North Hall 123. The center will conduct TASP workshops Saturday in North Hall 122 as follows: "TASP Reading I Workshop," 8 to 10 a.m.; "TASP Math I Workshop," 10 a.m. to noon; and "TASP Writing I Workshop," 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Mayra Martínez, of the Brownsville Association for the Education of Young Children, will conduct a workshop titled "Multicultural Diversity Experiences" from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Brownsville Public Library. Workshop fees are \$3 for nonmembers and \$2 for members. For more information, call 982-0257 and leave a message.

The Office of Student Activities will sponsor a costume and pumpkin carving contest at its "Halloween Hovee" Oct. 31. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winners. Contestants must sign up at Student Activities.

If you would like your club, organization or department news published in the Briefs section, please call Jessie Chávez at 544-8263, e-mail her at collegian@wr1.uth.edu or visit The Collegian office, located in the Student Center. The deadline for the Oct. 22 issue is 5 p.m. today.

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On Campus

Dyer-Whelan's accomplishments here remembered

By Elizabeth Nenque
Staff Writer

Marilyn Dyer-Whelan, former dean of the School of Health Sciences and professor emerita who died Oct. 4, was remembered as a "mentor, friend and leader" by her colleagues at UTB/TSC. She was 69.

Katherine B. Dougherty, associate professor and interim chair of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree Completion Program, described Dyer-Whelan as "a visionary (who) was never satisfied with status quo." She recalled the former dean's attitude, saying, "We could always do better, we could always do more. ... She had high expectations, and that was good."

The two worked together on the proposals for accreditation from the National League of Nursing. During that time and throughout their professional relationship, Dougherty learned leadership skills that continue to help her today.

"Mrs. Dyer saw things in me that I did not," Dougherty said. "She brought out the best in me. I could not be where I am now [were it not for her]. She was wonderful. We had so many good times together."

The dean retired from her post in August 2000.

Dyer-Whelan was hired as chair of the Nursing Program for Texas Southmost College in 1987. She became dean of the School of Health Sciences in 1991.

In an Oct. 5 letter to faculty and staff, UTB/TSC President Juliet V. Garcia said Dyer-Whelan's "task was to restore the historical reputation of our nursing program. To ensure that students who graduated from our Vocational Nursing and Associate Degree Nursing programs were exceptionally well-prepared to take and pass the state certification exams. Marilyn worked to make that happen. She enlisted the dedicated faculty to assist her and together they accomplished the goal and much, much more."



Marilyn Dyer-Whelan

Garcia said Dyer-Whelan "helped establish the partnership with the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio's School of Health Sciences. That partnership created the first bachelor of science degree in nursing available to students in the Lower Rio Grande Valley through interactive video. And it was that partnership that acted as the springboard for the creation of UTB's own BSN degree completion program for registered nurses. Last year, Marilyn led the effort that resulted in the UTB receiving approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for a master of science degree in Public Health Nursing."

The president called Dyer-Whelan "a good friend and special colleague."

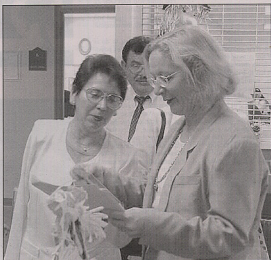
A memorial service for Dyer-Whelan was conducted at the SET-B Lecture Hall last Thursday.

Dyer-Whelan was born and raised in Ohio, receiving a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Cincinnati in 1954 and a master's in nursing from Ohio State University in 1959.

Survivors include her husband, Richard Whelan; two daughters, Melinda Dyer and Charlyn Morrison; three sons, Keith, Trent and Brooke Dyer; two brothers, Jim and Edward Bergholt; and eight grandchildren.

Dyer-Whelan was buried Oct. 9 at Llano Cemetery in Amarillo.

Binational education exchange



CHUCK ANDERSON/COLLEGIANS

Georgianna Duarte, a professor of Curriculum and Instruction, presents Maria Isabel Aguirre-Flores, technical director of Pedagogy and Basic Education for the Universidad Autonoma de Tamaulipas in Ciudad Victoria, with educational materials during a visit by 30 educators from Ciudad Victoria and Tampico, Mexico. The visit is part of a binational education exchange between UTB/TSC's Graduate Early Childhood Program and the UAT.

The educators spent three days on the UTB/TSC campus and at five schools in the Brownsville School District. Duarte began the exchange program in 1995 in response to the need to better understand the educational system in Mexico. Next May, Early Childhood Education graduates from UTB/TSC will spend a week studying in Tampico and Ciudad Victoria.

The Collegian Fall 2001 Publication Schedule

Issue No.	Publication Date	Ad Deadline
9	Monday, Oct. 22	Monday, Oct. 15
10	Monday, Oct. 29**	Monday, Oct. 22
11	Monday, Nov. 5	Monday, Oct. 29
12	Monday, Nov. 12	Monday, Nov. 5
13	Monday, Nov. 19***	Monday, Nov. 12
14	Monday, Dec. 3****	Monday, Nov. 26

**Halloween issue

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grams. Participants also will be assigned agent names, which can be found on the site's "Knock List."

Students track and take down their competitors with Nerf toy guns or other similar soft-foam shooters.

"It has to be soft, safe foam darts, nothing else will be allowed, we don't want anyone to get hurt," Solis said.

The game will be restricted to the campus. You can get tagged in the hall, in the Student Center, on your way to the library, etc. The key is that tagging remains on UTB/TSC property.

"Play is legal anywhere on campus except in the classrooms," Solis said.

Any area off university property is off limits and a safe haven. Once a person is tagged, the person must then give his tag card to the one who tagged him. To make a tag, the participant's foam

dart must make contact with the opponent.

The game will start Oct. 22 and will continue until all players have been tagged and eliminated from the competition.

"So the best thing to do is be as inconspicuous as possible," Solis said. "You never know where an opponent will lurk."

"Mission: Impossible" is an effort to promote more awareness and activity on campus.

"We want more student traffic on the Web site so students can see what else we have to offer," he said, adding that the department hopes to reach more of its commuting students via the Internet as well. "Through the site we can do activities online. ... We can offer campus life activities 24 hours a day," Solis said.

If this interactive game is successful, the department will organize more online activities. Student Activities staff then will have made their mission possible.

However, there is no refund for students who withdraw from a class because their visas expired and, as a result, are unable to attend classes.

Forse said about 1 percent of the Language Institute's students allowed their visas to expire.

But, the institute has taken steps to accommodate these students.

"We have a computer set and a fax machine so the instructors can reach the students via distance education," Forse said.

Although the Sept. 15 collapse of the causeway has forced some South Padre Island businesses to close, Forse said the institute's branch there has remained open.

"Even though everyone was closing, ours never shut down," she said.



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laser visas for Mexican citizens.

Linda Forse, program director for the Language Institute, said 54 of the institute's 1,200 students dropped their courses after the incidents.

"We have lost 4 percent of our students as an indirect result of the national catastrophe," Forse said.

She said the main fear of these students was the uncertainty of random closings at the international bridges.

As a gesture of good faith, the institute extended its add-and-drop period to allow those students affected a chance to withdraw, Forse said.

"We extended the period and gave 100 percent refunds," she said.

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University to offer two new degrees

By Michael Moody
Staff Writer

UTB/TSC is a step closer to offering two new degree programs.

The School of Education plans to offer a Master of Education in Bilingual Education and the College of Science, Mathematics and Technology is going to offer a Bachelor of Applied Technology.

"This program will meet a real need," José Martín, UTB/TSC provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, said about the Bachelor of Applied Technology (BAT).

"Many people who graduate with the associate's degrees get jobs quickly, and very often they are already settled down and are working so they are looking for promotional opportunities and that's where the problems start," Martín said. "If you are working in a

corporation, general education is very important. That's an obstacle to professional and personal development of many people who only have technical or associate's degrees and proportionately so for minorities."

More than one-third of the occupational and technical degrees awarded to Hispanics in Texas are issued by UTB/TSC, Texas State Technical College and South Texas Community College. The BAT degree would help fulfill many students' needs for life-long professional development.

The BAT is designed for students who already have an associate's degree in a technical field and who want to upgrade to a bachelor's degree.

Currently, students with technical associate degrees who want to receive a baccalaureate have to start com-

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Group pushes public library in Southmost

By Elizabeth Limas
Staff Writer

Proponents say a branch of the Brownsville Public Library in the Southmost area would benefit UTB/TSC students.

"In addition to the close to 15,000 students in the public schools who live in this area, most of the students that go to the University of Texas here and TSC come from this area also," Graciela de Peña, co-chair of the "Get-out-the-Vote" committee told about 70 people who attended a meeting on the proposal at Christ the King Catholic Church on Sept. 26.

On Nov. 6, Brownsville voters will be asked to vote for or against Proposition 8, which would set aside \$3 million in general obligation bonds for the construction of a library in the Southmost area.

"We advised City Commission that it was time to start planning for new library services (branches) for the City of Brownsville," Kim Cromack, chairman of the Public Library Board, told The Collegian in an interview. "City Commission responded by placing a \$3 million bond proposal on ballot for the library in Southmost."

The library would occupy approximately 15,000 square feet.

Neal Simmons, chairman of the site committee, presented a map showing the present public library site and proposed branch sites in north Brownsville and Southmost.

Simmons said about 55,000 people live in the Southmost area.

"Therefore," he said, "we have a demand in this area and we have structured this as our No. 1 location. Nothing is definite about the location at this time. We are going to have to find land that is available in the area."

De Peña said there is a tremendous need for a library

in the Southmost area.

"We realize that most of our students do come from this area," de Peña said. "We have a tremendous number of students from the public schools and the university who live in the Southmost area. We feel that by providing this opportunity, we can better ourselves. The students will have many opportunities to do their research. ... We feel that we need to have a community that is not only progressing economically but must have educated people."

According to statistics provided by the Brownsville Public Library, 57.1 percent of the 2,098 students who graduated from the Brownsville School District high schools this year applied to UTB/TSC.

Of the 1,431 students in the university's Fall 2000 Freshman Class, 876 came from BHS.

Others working on the effort to build a library in Southmost include Laurie Howell, organizing chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee.

"We would like the support of the UTB/TSC student body for this library," Howell said. "... Their vote is very important on this issue, because this is a library that will be built not only for them to use today but for their families and children."

Among the services the library would offer are story times for preschool children, English classes and educational opportunities for senior citizens, Howell said.

A community rally for Proposition 8 is set for 10 a.m. Saturday at Christ the King Church, 2255 Southmost Rd.

Early voting starts Oct. 22 and runs through Nov. 2 at the Southmost Community Network Center, the federal courthouse and at the H-E-B supermarket on Central Boulevard.

On Campus

Club Spotlight

Name: Chemical Agents.

Purpose: To promote awareness of chemistry.

Sponsors: Celia Flores-Feist and William M. Davis.

President: Michelle Partida.

Vice president: Pedro Trejo.

Membership secretary: Jennifer L. Aldama.

Public relations secretary: Priscilla

Cisneros.

Treasurer: Chester Edlund.

Meets: At noon every first and third Wednesday of the month in SET-B 2-520.

Conference: The American Chemical Society Agents held at the end of every semester; 2002 Conference will be in Florida.

For more information, call: Partida at 491-2772.

—Compiled by Josie Chávez



Members of the Chemical Agents include (front row, from left) Arlene Pacheco; Michelle Partida, president; and Jennifer L. Aldama, membership secretary. Back row: Pedro Trejo, vice president; and Lounel Castro.

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You can play on an individual agent or as a team.

Only students at the information meeting will be allowed to play the game.

Once you get tagged, you are out of play.

Any disputes must be addressed to the Director of Student Activities. All decisions are final.

Teams are eliminated when the last member is tagged.

Everyone will have a pre-designated agent side name.

Once tagged, players must leave your tag and make person who tagged them.

Play off campus is not permitted. Any area off university property is safe haven for players.

You can choose any type of Wall or other similar dark leaders, but all darks MUST BE left faces.

Contact with any part of an opponent's dark means you will be eliminated from play.

Each player must have a photo available on the MI Wall site.

Players are out if opponent's dark makes contact with ANY PART of what is worn by players.

Have the knock list to see who is still left in the game. Click on the link above to enter the site.

All tag-cards must be turned in to the Director of Student Activities.

The game will last until ALL players have been tagged and eliminated from the competition.

Prizes in following areas:

Overall champion (Team or individual)=\$500

Player who tags mystery agent=\$100

Most tags by single player=\$50

COME AND TAKE THE RISK!

On Campus

Veteran's Profile

By Elizabeth Limas
Staff Writer

Name: Maria Fernandez
Classification: Junior
Major: Computer science
Military Service: U.S. Marine Corps from 1993-1999

Rank Obtained: E-4 Corporal and Aviation Ordnance Technician

Goals: "Since we just organized the Club Beyond, I would like for it to be a success here in the university. The club focuses on trying to make Valley residents to register to vote and also do other various types of community service. Also, to obtain the highest degree in network-



ing." **Hobbies:** "[Going] to the movies, eating, reading romance and adventure novels and running once in a while."

If you could change something on campus, what would it be? "Make the Student Center a 24-hour place, where students can come and study. Have more classes about networking available for students."

Searching for talent



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Fred Peña, scholarship coordinator for the UTR/TSC Financial Assistance Office, speaks during the University Talent Search's first parent meeting of the 2001-02 school year Oct. 9 at the SET-B Lecture Hall. More than 200 parents and students attended. Also addressing the group was Elva G.

Laurel, associate professor of Curriculum and Instruction, who informed them of the University Plan Program for Future Educators and the qualifications needed to be a part of the program. Students who attended were from the Cameron and Willacy school districts in grades six through 12.

Campus Police Report

A burglary, a theft and vandalism are among the incidents reported by Campus Police between Oct. 1 and 7.

On Oct. 4 a student reported that his 1997 red Ford Mustang was burglarized at the Civic Center pay parking lot. A set of headlight covers, valued at \$50, was taken.

On Oct. 5 a student reported her backpack was stolen from the Student Center courtyard. She had gone into the Student Center to make a phone call, leaving her backpack on a table. Upon her return, it was gone. The backpack contained textbooks, notebooks, a calculator and a garage-door opener. The items total \$220.

On that same day, Campus Police answered a call from Physical Plant reporting graffiti on the men's first-floor restroom in South Hall. It was the third time in the week that graffiti was discovered in the North and South halls' restroom facilities.

—Rafael Ortiz

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pletely over because most technical associate degrees do not articulate into a baccalaureate degree.

"The idea with the BAT is to give students with associates in a technical field to take what they have learned and easily articulate that into a baccalaureate program," said Terry Phillips, dean of Developmental Education. He calls the BAT an "inverted degree."

"The reason it's called an inverted degree is because you do most of your major first with the associate program and then you come back and do your general ed for the bachelor program," Phillips said. "Of course, if a student has an associate's degree he has completed some general education requirements, but not the full 48 hours that are required for a baccalaureate."

A student with an associate degree has about 22 hours of general education depending on his course of study. The university expects the student to enter the BAT program with a 35- to 45-semester-credit-hour associate's degree in a technical field. Then, the rest of the 48-hour core and 34 to 36 hours of the professional and technology sequence will need to be completed to receive a baccalaureate.

There are several tracks students would be able to take with the new degree program, including an emphasis in business technology, professional application and technology training and a track in computer information systems technology.

The idea to offer the BAT sprouted from survey results of local technical student and faculty, including TSTC and STCC, conducted by UTB/TSC.

"Twenty-five TSTC alumni are interested and 10 TSTC

faculty members [are] interested in applying for the program," Phillips said. "Many of them [TSTC faculty members] only have a technical degree, and they seem very interested in going on and getting a baccalaureate degree."

The university would like to put a lot of these programs online through distance education so it would be available to people across the nation.

"There are a number of student populations that would be potentially interested in this," Phillips said. "We expect there to be a big market to people in the military service."

Martin calls the future Master's of Education in Bilingual Education a "transition program," for students who are not proficient in the English language.

"What we have is a dual-language program with an emphasis on maintenance of the person's bilingual skills as well as the development of new skills," Martin explained.

Applicants to the ME in Bilingual Education will be allowed to use their proficiency in Spanish to further their education. The program fits right into the biliterate mission of the university.

"We will have a faculty and student body that has a command of both languages," Martin said.

The University of Texas System has approved both degree programs, and the next step of approval lies with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Martin hopes to have both degrees approved by next spring.

The College of Science, Mathematics and Technology currently has Engineering Physics and a Master of Science in Biology degree program in earlier stages of development. A Master of Science in Mathematics could also be available as early as Fall 2003.

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Tiempo Nuevo

Seis estudiantes son llamados a la defensa

Por John Strubelt
Editor del Collegian
e Hildefonso Ortiz
Editor de Tiempo Nuevo

Varios estudiantes de UTB/TSC han sido seleccionados para defender a Estados Unidos en la guerra contra el terrorismo.

Ramiro Martínez, estudiante de último año de arte y ciencias aplicadas; Osvilio Cisneros, estudiante de primer año, y Juan Domínguez, estudiante de primer año de ciencias, han sido llamados al servicio activo por la reserva de la armada estadounidense, dijeron dirigentes de la universidad.

Estos estudiantes oficialmente se dieron de baja en septiembre.

"Pues estoy muy triste," dijo Dorothy Cisneros, madre de Osvilio Cisneros refiriéndose a su hijo siendo llamado al servicio activo. "Me siento muy mal. Yo no quise que esto pasara".

Dorothy Cisneros también expresó su preocupación de que su hijo pueda perder su ayuda financiera cuando regrese a UTB/TSC.

Ese no sería el caso en esta situación, dijeron dirigentes de la universidad.

"Estos estudiantes pueden pedir que se les retiren sus clases y recibir [una calificación de] incompleto", dijo René Villarreal, director de inscripciones y reclutamientos. "Ellos también tienen la opción de pedir un reembolso completo por sus clases en UTB/TSC. Cuando regresen, ellos pueden continuar sus carreras en donde las dejaron sin problema alguno".

Otros tres estudiantes también se han dado de baja.

Sergio Hernández, estudiante de primer año, Oscar Rodríguez, estudiante de último año de justicia criminal; e Hilberto Ruiz, estudiante de primer año también de justicia criminal; están sirviendo en la Patrulla Fronteriza de EEUU.

La Patrulla Fronteriza y el Servicio de Aduanas están en un estado de máxima alerta, y los miembros han tenido que

trabajar extra, dijo Villarreal. Por esta razón estos estudiantes se vieron forzados a dar de baja sus clases.

Mientras tanto, el Instituto de Idiomas de la universidad ha experimentado una pequeña reducción en tanto estudiantes como asistentes debido a los ataques terroristas del 11 de septiembre, el derrumbamiento del Puente Queen Isabella y el rescindir de visas no hacer para ciudadanos mexicanos.

Linda Forse, directora del Instituto de Idiomas, dijo que 54 de los 1,200 estudiantes dieron de baja sus clases después de los eventos.

"[Hemos perdido el] 4 por ciento de nuestros estudiantes como resultado indirecto de la catástrofe nacional", dijo Forse.

Ella dijo que la mayor preocupación de estos estudiantes, era la incertidumbre del cierre de los puertos internacionales.

Como un gesto de buena fe, el instituto extendió su periodo para cancelar clases, para darle oportunidad a los estudiantes afectados de darlas de baja, dijo Forse.

"Extendimos el periodo y dimos 100 por ciento de reembolso", ella dijo.

Mas no hay reembolso para estudiantes que se salgan de clases por que sus visas se vencieron, y por lo tanto no pueden asistir a clase.

Forse dijo que aproximadamente el 1 por ciento de los estudiantes del Instituto de Idiomas dejan que se les vencieran las visas.

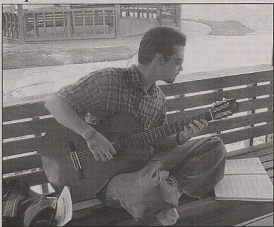
Pero el instituto ha tomado medidas para cooperar con los estudiantes.

"Tenemos una computadora y un fax para que los profesores puedan alcanzar a los estudiantes via educación foránea", dijo Forse.

Aunque el derrumbe del puente el 15 de septiembre hizo que varios establecimientos en la Isla del Padre cerraran, Forse dijo que el instituto que tienen allí ha permanecido abierto.

"Aunque todos estaban cerrando, nosotros nunca dejamos de trabajar", ella dijo.

La práctica hace al maestro



Joseph Ruines se prepara para una clase de música en los kioskos el martes pasado.

Thanksgiving in Mexico

(second bus added)

○ Tony Knopp, Arnulfo Mar, and Bill Harris invite you to join them on the annual pilgrimage to romantic San Miguel de Allende Nov. 21-25

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Sports

The Meister's Scorecard

By Trey Mendez
Sports Editor

Oct. 6 was both a good and bad day for me. The good news was that I was traveling to Kingsville to take my Law School Admissions Test, but the bad news was that I wouldn't be able to watch the football game between the University of Texas and Oklahoma University. Surely the winner of this game would be on their way to a chance at a national title, while the loser would have to wait another year. How painful it was to get home and learn that the Horns got hooked, 14-3. Oh, well.

As of the latest Associated Press poll, the University of Florida takes over the No. 1 spot ahead of Miami, Oklahoma, Nebraska and Oregon. The Longhorns tumbled from the No. 5 spot to No. 11.

In the NFL, the Packers have fallen from the ranks of the undefeated in a classic battle against the Buccaneers. The game came down to one last drive for Brett Favre, who had a couple of shots in the end zone, but couldn't get a TD. My respect goes to the Bucs, who played a tough game.

In happier news, Barry Bonds broke the home run record last week in style, launching a mammoth homer into the San Francisco night in front of a nationwide television audience. In his very next at bat, Barry cranked another one. As usual, I didn't get to watch any of his historic home runs. The only at bats that I did get to see were the times that he got walked. I have gotten used to that type of luck.

At this time, I will hand out the first annual Meister Awards to the players I think should be the recipients of the major awards in each league. In the National League, my MVP vote goes to Sammy Bonds. Since I couldn't pick a clear



favorite, I combined the names. In the American League, the award should go to Jason Giambi, first baseman for the Oakland A's. Other awards are as follows:

NL Cy Young: Randy Johnson, Arizona Diamondbacks

AL Cy Young: Mark Mulder, Oakland A's

NL Rookie of the Year: Roy Oswalt, Houston Astros

AL Rookie of the Year: Ichiro Suzuki, Seattle Mariners

Now I will attempt to forecast the baseball playoffs. Last year, I saw red because the Cubs had a bad year, but after their good showing, I am seeing close to perfect. I must first say that the Meister's predictions are for entertainment purposes only, and shouldn't be taken literally. I can only hope that I can be as good as Miss Cleo one day.

In the American League, I see the Mariners getting past the Indians and the Athletics cruising past the Yankees. The crystal ball also sees the Athletics going to the World Series after a hard battle in Seattle. The National League should be the Braves over the Astros and the Diamondbacks over the Cardinals. In the Division Series, it's the D'Backs over those washed-up Braves. So who will win the World Series, you ask? The Oakland Athletics will be the champs.

Other Collegian staff picks:

Alex "The Rookie" Rivera: Oakland Athletics

John "Belman" Strubelt: Oakland Athletics

Alfredo "Cap'n Crunch" Norberto: Seattle Mariners

There you have it, the staffers have spoken. Until next time, this is the Meister saying, Go Athletics.

Road trip leaves Team Sting hobbling

By John Strubelt
Collegian Editor

Team Sting limped home after losing two matches on its

11 overall and 1-3 in conference play.

Head Coach Brian Funk attributes the team's apparent disarray to the injuries that have

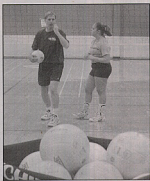
Santiago since the season began. Santiago has been receiving treatment in Houston due to low levels of platelets, which affects blood clotting.

"If I would have injured myself [on the court], it would have hemorrhaged and it was a concern, a problem," Santiago said. "I've been going to Houston and they've been taking care of me. Actually, I just got released [Oct. 4] to play, my platelets are up and everything's going good."

Santiago is looking forward to finally taking the court.

"Hopefully I'll start getting back into the groove of things," she said. "Just being out for a month, though, has done a lot to me. Being out of the range of things, not touching the ball or being on the court [has been difficult]. Now that I'm back hopefully things are going to start to change here and I'll start to play more."

Team Sting was to play a match at Laredo on Wednesday before returning home to take on Blinn College and Wharton County Junior College Friday and Saturday, respectively. Results were not available at press time.



Alan Brown/Collegian

Volleyball coach Brian Funk and setter Angie Chavez discuss strategies during Team Sting's Laredo practice held last week.

latest road trip Oct. 5-6. The Lady Scorpions fell to Lee College 18-30, 15-30, 20-30 and to San Jacinto College 17-30, 25-30, 30-23, 20-30. The two losses drop the team to 4-

ankle during pre-game warm-ups Sept. 29. Neither Loff nor Chavez participated in Team Sting's road trip.

Team Sting has been without starting setter Angie

Briefs

There will be Intramural Tennis Doubles competition at 2 p.m. Oct. 22 and 24 at the tennis courts.

Team Sting will compete vs. Galveston College at 6 p.m. Friday in Galveston. They will then travel to Alvin to take on Alvin Community College at 1 p.m. Saturday.

The Kinesiology Club will host a 6-on-6 Co-Ed Volleyball tournament Saturday at the Gera Gym. Registration is \$50 per team. For more information, call 544-8290.

Athlete of the Week

By Trey Mendez
Sports Editor

Name: Missol Coude

Sport: Golf

Classification: Sophomore

Majors: Business

Administration

High School: St. Joseph

Academy

Honors/Awards: Golf

Athlete of the Year, 11th and 12th grades

What are your personal

goals?

"To make it to every tournament, and once there, to give it all I've got, be the best that I can be. If I can do that I will be satisfied and the results will be good. I want to have fun out there. It's my goal on the golf course to always think positive and have fun."

What are your team expectations?

"I think we have a good team. Everybody wants to do good and improve, we take it seriously and nobody plays around. It's a team that is capable of winning tournaments if we give it all we've got."



What are your career plans?

"To maybe take over my dad's business. That's why I'm studying business management. From here I want to go to UTSA and finish up there."

Viewpoint

Letter to the Editor

On Sept. 25, a student informed me that the men's restroom in South Hall had been defaced with graffiti. I took some photos because I could not fathom that a student, or non-student, could commit such cowardly acts here at UTB/TSC.

Just today (Oct. 1), another student informed me that the same restroom had been defaced again, but this time much worse than before. On both occasions I called Campus Police and informed them of such crimes. I (also) spoke to the Dean of Students and she explained what might happen if they caught the individual.

These idiotic and childish displays of poor intelligence has caused the Student Government Association to take a step forward in promoting student awareness of such criminal activity on campus. We would like the students of UTB/TSC to know that in order to stop such awful acts we need students to be aware of such acts, and report them to Campus Police. Although this task may seem not worth the time of students, we need to understand that this is our school and that we will not tolerate such ghastly discourses that downgrade this monumental year for UTB/TSC.

The Student Government Association wants UTB/TSC students to rise to the occasion and report any criminal activity they may notice around campus. Please do your part as a student and law-paying citizen of this fine community. Campus Police can be reached at 544-8232, and the Dean of Students at 983-7374.

Edward C. Camarillo
Senior education major
and Student Government Association Treasurer



Alas, the graffiti in the math hall restrooms continues to plague a serious liberal arts major.

Student Soapbox

Would you be willing to serve in the military in case of a draft?

"Not really, I'm not into violence."

—Albert Farias
Freshman

"Yes, I would be willing to serve for the U.S. I think it's part of the freedom to go out and fight for the country and do what one has to do in order for us to move on in life."

—Israel Pella
Junior respiratory therapist major

"Yes, I would serve in case of a draft. My uncle was in

the military, my dad was in the military, my brother is in the military. If I get drafted, I'll go."

—Robert Salazar
Junior respiratory therapist major

"Yes, I would. I would be willing to fight for my country."

—Luciano Gutierrez
Freshman radiology major

—Compiled by Josie Chávez

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Discovering the Mundo Maya

Michael Moody
Staff Writer

Mayan culture and the cobblestone streets, pastel-colored buildings and tranquil air of San Miguel de Allende came alive last Friday inside Brownsville's Alonso Building.

The Meso-American-influenced artwork of professors Nancy Slight and Gene Paull and graduate student Andrea Lopez was on display as part of UTB/TSC's Hispanic Heritage Month activities. The show, sponsored by Patron of the Arts program, was called "Recuerdos del Mundo Maya."

The building was full of local takes on Meso-American cultural icons. Paull's photographs displayed the ruins of a 16th century Guatemalan church and Classic Period hieroglyphs from Honduras.

"All of these photographs and art that are here were done over the past 15 years in trips taken to San Miguel," said Slight, an associate professor of Fine Arts who retreats to Mexico every year.

Like most local artists, Slight experiments with different disciplines of art. And like her colleague Paull, chair of the Physical Sciences

Department, she is a photographer and an accomplished sculptor.

"I like photography as a way to develop my eye and a way of seeing light," Slight said. "It's great in Guatemala and Honduras the way the light falls on the pyramids."

Most of Slight and Paull's photographs exhibited a preoccupation with the people of San Miguel at work and at play. The pastels of the ancient city frame the local people with a warmth they clearly recognized through the lens.

Lopez's paintings were a favorite at the show.

"Andrea Lopez has a flair for capturing the original style of her influences and creating something original," junior art major Danny Govella said.



MEXICO, MONTE ALBAN

"Vision Quest" by Nancy Slight.

Lopez's creations played with Mayan cultural themes and icons. Splashed with bright reds,

yellow and pastel blues her paintings recalled Mexican architecture and its ancient Indian spirituality.

"Lopez's work is very beautiful," said Brownsville art collector Nena Gomez. Gomez arrived to view Slight and Paull's photographs but confessed to being moved by Lopez's paintings. "I don't have a favorite piece of hers because I'm very interested in all of them. Their colors and dimensions add to what makes them special, which is their cultural significance."

The art was on display through Oct. 8. The Patron of the Arts celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month will continue on Oct. 23 with a one-man show by University of Texas-Pan American art professor Rolando Reyna.

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TELL YOU
WHAT TO DO...

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): The only thing you need to meet that special someone is a smile and a hello, so put that stat gun away.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Crouching Terrorist, Hidden Bin Laden. Think about it.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Remember what Grandma said, "If you can't beat 'em, hit them on the head with a whiskey bottle and take their wallets."

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will find yourself trying to decode the map to a hidden treasure left by a famous pirate. Sadly, it's only Capt'n Crunch's cereal box games.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Mom's remedy for a cough is not a box full of Ex-Lax, although, it will get you to refrain from coughing.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Least romantic thing to say on a date No. 165: "Lover, thy lips are sweet like bear

meat."

Aries (March 21-April 19): Please do us all a favor and stop acting like Zeolander.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): A free brown map of Texas does not come at the bottom of a new pair of underwear.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): If ignorance is bliss, then you must be one happy, happy son of a gun.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): Your sequel to the "Blair Witch Project" makes it to the big screen and just as you're about to get your Oscar, you wake up.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): You will fail to convince your professor that Shakespeare used the word "toxicological" in one of his sonnets.

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